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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re new U.S. patent application of : Attn: BOX PCT (DO/EO/US)  
Jan MALIK et al. :  
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For: STABILIZER COMPOSITIONS : December 10, 1998

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please  
amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, delete lines 4-5.

Page 1, line 6, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, line 1, insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, line 2, after "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION", insert --The invention  
relates to stabilizer compositions for stabilizing polyethylene-based thermoplastic  
polymers in processing.--

Page 2, line 23, insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and substitute therefor --claim

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Claim 5, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and substitute therefor --claim

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Claim 8, line 2, delete "or".